

practices to make them perfect enough to come before the public. They talk with the greatest coolness of the members of their family (including their mother) who have been insane - and I think that Judson who is the most eccentric & amusing of the whole party, is never far from flightiness at any time. They sit so much by the fire in heated parlours, and eat so much, that I am not surprised to hear them talk a great deal of headache, indigestion, liver, lungs & so forth - subjects which are rarely named in ordinary conversation here. It would be impossible for any body to be healthy under such circumstances. It may seem you that I have talked so much about them - but they are quite a new study to me. They were lively, childlike, & dispirited - so we all set ourselves to comfort them - and as we are nearly all Quakers bred, this mostly meddling Quakers, it was quite a novelty for us to attend so many concerts, as we patronized for their sakes. Even my Brother Thomas who is a plain Quaker was quite captivated with their simplicity and naivete - this wife went to one of their concerts - tho' I thought she wd as soon have cut off his ears.

Now this is a horrible, ugly, long, scrambling letter - such as I have good reason to be ashamed of. But all I wanted to tell was the news of the box and particulars connected with it. I have little doubt that after next year's lectures from F. D. we will have more to send and you must only take the hearty good will of a few in Dublin as a compensation for all they would like to see done by their neighbours on your behalf.

You had some reason from my letter, Miss Aldrich, to hope for something good from George Thompson - I pledged him £5 at the Anti-Slavery Law Bazaar towards purchase of ~~the~~ Boston. But seeing a poor prospect of contributions from Dublin I asked him, have about a month since to appropriate the money in purchase to be direct from ourselves. The result was a note which I hope to send herewith which will show how he has been so engaged as (I conclude from his note) to leave no time for what he intended to do. He has indeed a greater

and truly brave and glorious enterprise on hands in endeavoring to shame the Directors of the East India Company & their servants into justice towards the cruelly wronged Raja of Satara. I hope Heber is not to be successful. It requires all his true talents to ~~carry~~ ^{carry} this matter on towards any probability of success - and I don't think that in his former career he ever evinced such substantially courage, ~~and~~ ability, & discernment as within the last 12 months. I adhere to all I may have expressed as to my opinion of his weakness on some points of the higher morals. I don't think he could withstand a sectarian storm about his head in New England - I think him a professed of religion without much interest & regard for the form he obeys - I think him a peace man without much hearty heart for successful war - a temperance man without any strong dislike to strong drink, for he takes wine as a stimulant & thinks he requires it. He is an ambitious man, fond of public & substantial distinction - & I trust his efforts are turned in a most useful direction, & I hope they may be successful.

As James R. Buffum is in Liverpool and ^{undoubtedly} probably to be meditating about the proposed lines that is to take this letter I will make up a packet of odd & ends of autographs, worth very little, which he will perhaps be able to send out free by some of his friends. I think I will also send you two letters from a Mr. Lathin of Bristol of whom I knew nothing till I rec'd his first letter. I replied to it fully & freely, & the result was the second letter which I recommended to your special attention as indication of the class of minds of very good and liberal sort of people here, with whom the Anti Slavery cause has to contend. Observe that he is a Unitarian which sweeps a great deal of difficulty out of the way - yet he would not allow an Antislavery lecture in his meeting house (he is not a minister) - nor does he think any factious could be got for the cause in Bristol on the condition of an

effort for immediate, unconditional, uncompensated emancipation.
He thinks Chambers' treatise on American Slavery better than any
they we have from America. I read it last night. It is well devoted
but ~~addressed~~ by no means calculated to arouse the conscience or
warm the heart. It is like all that comes from the pens of the
Chambers - good - clear - cold - devoid of any reference to high prin-
ciples. I will take notice of its contents and will answer it - but
I would like you to see it and would be very glad if you have not
time to have from Wendell Phillips his estimate of what should be
said to such a man. I am afraid he is A.D. priggish, and
hard to move.

Frederick Douglass goes on triumphantly in America. He
took huff at me when in Dublin for giving him one or two can-
douring hints as to his demeanour (which I do much against
my will). He is very proud and could bear any thing half
so sweetly as praise and flattery. I don't mean to give him any
more advice - but I think he is foolish to resent it.

You will remark what Joseph Sturge and Lebbe say of
the Liberty Party and of me. I think Sturge a well inten-
tioned man, but bigoted and not open enough - and as to
Lebbe underground is his native place. I think it must
be that J. D. will go to Birmingham & Bristol next. He don't
incline to fraternize with A.C. Wright who is a far finer minded
larger hearted man than he is. It seems to me that Douglass's
range is not large and that he don't take half enough pains
to extend its limits. Either you will see give a fine account
of the contribution from Bristol. Poor Dublin! I can't help
blushing a little for our poverty & sparseness.

Warm regards to all friends - Yours very truly

Rich Webb

I have some autographs and Estlin letters to J. M. Buffum who is now in Liverpool & send if he can
send them free. W. Phillips is one of them and for L. Webb's portrait to please. I don't know one lived

Richd W. Webb

When I was a little boy I was very fond of the

of the Constitution from birth.

to control the limits. But you see from a few

large and large. And that he had taken half

of the Constitution from birth.

the liberty of the people.

For we have not yet reached the point

where we are - but I think it is

the liberty of the people.

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Dublin 16th of November 1845

My dear Friend

We sent off our Barnum Box yesterday. I

hope it may have a safe voyage and arrive in good order and condition to its destination in Farnwell Hall. Hannah thinks it is larger than we have sent

for a year or two - I hope it is not less valuable -

We got very little from Waterford & Wexford this year -

I mean we got little direct - for Maria's weekly contributions

beautifully in money to the things we purchased in

Dublin - and Jerry Poole being still in his debt in

Cork, accounts for little or nothing coming from ~~the~~

Wexford. Maria's weekly (Hannah's sister) lives with her

mother in Waterford - and furthermore, Jerry Poole's

country home, is about 6 miles from Wexford. Acting

on your experience last year, I spent near all the

money ^{at my disposal for the Barnum} ~~at my disposal for the Barnum~~ ~~at my disposal for the Barnum~~ ~~at my disposal for the Barnum~~

together in the purchase of paper, sachets,

and such like. Anne Allen did the same - and if

you only make an ask on them as we understand

you have done ^{in former years} ~~previously~~, we hope to hear of our

money turning to good account. As we cannot

guess what such things are worth with you, I marked

the cost price and my initials on all the articles

we sent - so you can put on what price you please.

Many articles are not priced at all. This I know

gives you some trouble - but there are two good reasons

for this. The fact is that we could not guess what
they would be worth in your eyes - and if we knew even
so well, we had no time. Until the last day or
so, we could hardly ~~guess~~ form an idea of
what we would have to send, and it was hard enough
work to get them packed and sent off in time.
Anne Allen & Hannah were hard at work
yesterday marking and packing, and in the evening
I got the big box sawed down to the necessary
dimensions - had it nailed, roped & left at the steam
packet office. This day two more contributions
arrived - one from Edmund H. Wright of Philadelphia
consisting of china from Sheffield - and the other
the Heinrich box. There is no help for the delay -
we must only send them to look to join the box from
there, which, with all my persuasion & eloquence, I
could not induce them to send till the 5th I even
wanted them to send me where they had ready
to go in our box - but they would not be moved.
They make a little penny every year by the
exhibition of their collection - and they do not
choose to send away their show pieces. I fancy
that Frederick Douglass's vessel put them out of
their reckoning and occupied the time that would
have been spent in getting their box ready in time.
But I have no doubt that any disadvantages that
may ensue from this cause will be more than com-

permeated in this end. They are in flame in Cuba.
When you ^{learn} ~~the~~ that nearly 120 copies of his book
were sold there - and that he was twice publicly
peted - once by Father Mathew - another time by the
Anti Slavery Society at a public breakfast - and at
a ~~large~~ public dinner the Mayor in the Chair - that
an address was presented to him & publicly answered
- that he was panted about - and walked & prome-
naded in the city by one of the most intelligent &
delightful families of London in Cuba. you will admit
that he must have felt somewhat uncertain at times
whether he stood on his head or his heels. I have
no doubt that Henry C. Wright is doing a great work
in Scotland - the stirring up he is giving the Free Kirk
is just the way they ^{to} create the seeds of thought &
action - he is ^{over} hammering at "Dr. Chalmers, Cun-
ingham and Candlish" and telling them to "send back
that money." Oh! how grandly he'll bother them.
He is a real fun fellow. His heart is in his work.
He has written a capital pamphlet on the Dissolution
of the Union, which I wish you would read - you will
receive some copies in the Scotch box. I think it
particularly suited to turn the attention of all who
read it to the atrocity of the Union, and of the ~~consequences~~
~~practical~~ ~~the~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ public sentiment that upholds
it. Such writers as Wright and ~~as~~ such ^{as Douglass} ~~speakers~~ ^{as} are
what we require in these countries to ~~draw~~ ^{draw} people
into attention to this cause. They must not be allowed

to think however a thing with which they have nothing
to do. I send in the box a paper which I wish
you particularly to look out. It is "The Atlas" &
was sent to me a day or two since by Wm Hunt.
on account of a notice it contains of Frederick
Douglass's book. Some of the prefatory remarks are
so friendly of that character which you desire to
see from the pen of British writers of celebrity that
I write to ask his permission for you to insert in
the Liberty Bell (if there be time) the portion from
"The worst sort of slavery in a country" down to "white
Americans". It is worth all the rest put together
that you read from England this year. - I mean all
the writing for the Bell. I feared that Hannah
forgot to send Mary Hunt's autographic article in
the box but I find she has not overlooked it. Her
writing is very admirable for an almost diseased tendency
to thoughtfulness - and H. herself partakes of the same
good quality, though not in such an excessive degree.
I am anxious that you send Bell or something of
the nature of a friendly acknowledgment to Miss
Esther Fair, the poor but large-hearted mistress of a
charity school in Dublin - for her zeal in the cause -
to M^r ~~Chapman~~ Clarkson of Dublin who has been most
merciful & kind in his patronage of the Hutchinsonians
& of Frederick Douglass - to Miss D. Moore of
Waterford, my cousin & a kind & zealous contributor.

at his fathers house in Waterford F.D. & J.N. Ruffen
were repeatedly and most kindly entertained —
My brother James sends a bundle of shirts for which
in the bundle ^{in the find 2 dozen of} collar for the Razaar and also
also from James. He meant to have sent 6 dozen
but the rest were not ready. I will take care to get
them from him and send them via Cork. He
can afford them, and he must shell out. The
Miss Naughtons (James's daughters) were partly
stirred up towards the cause by F.D.'s visit and
the Hutchinsons says. I have no doubt that heath-
ens they are do more than ever, if they had
no more. A little fillip to them might not be
lost. One book to Deborah Joseph of Limerick &
one for Susan & Charlotte Fisher of Limerick
would not be ~~un~~ misapplied. You understand that
I am only giving you hints — not putting in for books for
any body except in the way of seed for another
year. A few copies of Webb's "American Slavery
as it is" & of Prince's "American Churches the
Barrenness of Slavery wants to be employed. If a
boarded copy of the former these two were sent as
a present from Wm L. Garrison (with his name
written on it by himself) to William ~~Scott~~
Shorth of Dublin, it would gratify him greatly
& convert a new convert to our faith. He is a
Methodist & a hard working fellow — teaches the preachers.
who are made of precisely the same stuff here as in America.

There are some very methodists in Dublin who read
the Liberator and are likely to give trouble to their
spiritual superiors. It is a fact that when you can
get a man to read the Liberator. Amongst the other
things in the box you will find a dozen little green
books which have had a vast sale in Ireland. I don't
know how they will sell among the Puritans. "The
Song and Ballad Poetry of Ireland" I thought they might
take. I would like to know whether they sell, & at what
price. It is quite a new book & has many fine things
not easily found elsewhere. I also put in 3 books (out
of my bookcase) to make up an amount I had ordered
I put in the box was about being mailed up. ~~Will~~ Tell me
you please such things good for my thing. I thought they
might happen to be picked up by devils wandering
through the hole. Tell C. L. that Emma shall be
in the book box - it was left in Limerick, viz, I suppose,
in their box down in our hole. Mary came today.
I am glad Mary's eyes are wide enough open not to
continue ~~the~~ blackening the repeaters. It would be hard to find an
honest man among their leaders. "There's my sentiment"
We have got a nice little grey kitten - I think she
is a tabby - she walked in to us of ~~her~~ ^{her} own accord a few
days ago. I am told this is considered lucky - so you
cannot do less than sympathize with us in our good fortune.
^{In packing the box} Some few small articles were tossed in, without affixing any price,
thinking you could do it as well yourselves & we had little time at
the end - and Anne Allen had left a husband in bed that morning, of

flicked with swelled face & toothache, I was in haste to get back to him. You can mark these "whatever your honour pleases", as our poor beggars say. There was no attempt to put articles of inferior value at the top of the box this year, to cheat the Customhouse officers. Does it make any difference? Or is honesty always the best policy? I never grudge freight-money, but I do grudge paying much duty, having little sympathy with the use made of our cash by the Government that be. I often wish we could see the boxes opening in Boston, & hear your notes & comments on the various articles - but there would be no end to our wishes if we began, so in the meantime we must be content with your reports in your letters, trusting to your telling the honest truth for the sake of the cause.

What does she mean by talking of "the honest truths" - as if you were told any other - I am sure I don't know. We should be offended. I have just had Mr. Hewitt's prompt reply to the note I sent him to which I have alluded. He is quite rightly calling that the passage I allude to and his own name shall be used as you please. I know that being a little hot-headed I am apt to clothe anything I like with the beautiful hues of fancy - but nevertheless I do think W. H.'s criticism or his preface to it is well worth your notice.

The Antislaveryists left us about a week ago. They had not large houses here - but there are dinner-rooms very much gratified. This however will not do for people who want to make money and there went to Dublin and have been a dreary town if they had not been greatly invited out and hosted by our week and the circles connected with our circle. This they said chiefly to their characters in their first place as consistent abolitionists and secondly to their remarkably unaffected, childlike, cheerful, demeanors. All except Jesse who is not one of the most favorable specimens of the ordinary class of mankind. But Judson, John, Anna,

and Abby are quite charming. So thoughtful, so thoughtful, so
free from the knowledge of good or evil - They quite capti-
vated James Haughton's family who paid them great
attention and paid quite lavishly after them. In the box
from Dublin you will find a poetical effusion a Tribute
to the Hutchinsons by Wilfred Haughton - James's nephew
which I think it would gratify his cousin to see in the
Liberator. J. M. Ruffin is now in Liverpool with the
Hutchinsons who have held two very well attended concerts since
they arrived there. James longs for home sympathies. He clings
to an American. He can't go about alone. He must
have somebody to lean upon. I think he would be better at
home. He has not much curiosity to draw him from place
to place - nor sufficient information and intelligence to suggest
objects of interest to him. If I had his money and his leisure
what a time I should have. I would be in Rome in a fortnight
or in Boston in three weeks. I would certainly if the chance
happened just now - be off by the next steamer along with this
letter. Among the things in the Irish box is a little packet of
pencushions from "Alice Hewley" a little seven years old town-
swoman of mine. I hope you will treat them with all due honor.
I like to see children even so young coming a spontaneous interest
in this cause. You will be so kind (if they are willing to be heard)
send us with the Bells, ~~the~~ 24 copies of "American Slavery as it is"
and the invoice. I am sure we could not spend our money to
better purpose for the awakening of people's minds here.

I am afraid from the continual repetitions night after night
of the same songs with very little variety that the Hutchinsons
will not be likely to have a run anywhere. They have not good
memories and so far from their being improvisatori (as Rogers
represented them) who burst forth in the middle of a meeting with
spontaneous heart warm effusions, I am disposed to think they
conspire and study with great difficulty & require a good deal of